

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted via the Office electronic filing system in accordance with § 1.6(a)(4).

Dated: March 13, 2008

Signature: /Christina M. Sperry/  
(Christina M. Sperry, Reg. No. 47,106)

Docket No.: 101896-0234  
(DEP5100CIP)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Tushar Patel et al.

Application No.: 10/777,019

Confirmation No.: 2233

Filed: February 11, 2004

Art Unit: 3733

For: TISSUE RETRACTOR AND GUIDE DEVICE

Examiner: D. C. Comstock

**RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION**

MS AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Applicant submits this paper in response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2008.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

A copy of the **Pending Claims** is attached hereto. No claim amendments are made.